

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 19, 2009. After its entry, claims 22-31 are currently pending in this application and subject to examination. Claims 11-21 are cancelled. Claim 22 is now-cancelled allowable claim 21 reformatted in a more reader friendly form, as requested by the Examiner. Claims 23-31 are now-cancelled claims 12-20 rewritten to all ultimately depend from new claim 22. No new matter is added.

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 11-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over either of U.S. Patent No. 6,359,020 to Mohrschladt or U.S. Patent No. 6,815,527 to Bassler et al. in view of U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2003/02066835 to Donck. Applicants respectfully traverse for the reasons previously provided and made of record. However, in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claims 11-20 in favor of new claims 22-31, which are based on now-cancelled claim 21, which was deemed allowable by the Examiner. Applicants submit that the cancellation of claims 11-20 renders this rejection moot and respectfully request consideration and allowance of new claims 22-31.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Applicants believe no fee is due with this amendment. However, if a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13156-00069-US, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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